



Proclamation

WHEREAS, strokes are the third leading cause of death in the United States with about 700,000 and a leading cause of severe, long term disability; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, on average, a stroke occurs every 45 seconds, and someone dies of a stroke every 3 minutes, in Louisiana stroke leads to death of more than 16,000 citizens each year; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the estimated direct and indirect costs of stroke will be about \$57.9 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Americans are not aware of their risk factors for a stroke, nor are they aware of the signs and symptoms of an impending stroke; and

WHEREAS, warning signs of stroke include: sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance, or coordination; and sudden severe headache with no known cause; and

WHEREAS, new and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effects of stroke, but much more research is needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 2006, as

STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

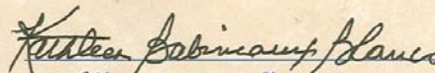
in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 17th day of May
A. D., 2006*


Governor of Louisiana